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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FROM BRAZILIAN FOREIGN

MINISTER SILVEIRA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FROM BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 14.
 2. BEGIN TEXT: MY DEAR HENRY, I AM WRITING YOU ANEW ON THE PROBLEM OF THE TREATMENT TO BE GIVEN TO THE EXPORTS OF BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR TO THE UNITED STATES. I DO THIS BECAUSE ON THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION, I AM VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR PRODUCT MAY BE GIVEN A TREATMENT THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE DISCRIMINATORY. I AM BEING INFORMED THAT THERE IS A CLEAR PROSPECT OF THE FINAL ADOPTION OF A FORMULA OF TARIFF QUOTA WHICH WILL REALLY BRING ABOUT APPRECIABLE LOSSES FOR THE EXPORTS OF BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR, TO THE BENEFIT OF PRODUCTS FROM OTHER SOURCES, ESPECIALLY FROM EUROPE. I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN OCCUR, KNOWING, AS I DO, THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS PROBLEM FOR US AS WELL AS THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS THAT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION WOULD INVOLVE, AND THAT FOR THIS REASON YOU HAVE ADVOCATED A BALANCED POLITICAL DECISION. DESPITE THIS, I
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TURN TO YOU AGAIN TO EMPHASIZE, AT THIS TIME, THAT IN

OUR VIEW THE SOLUTION OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE THAT WOULD NOT CREATE NEW DIFFICULTIES, AND THAT FOR THIS REASON WE STRONGLY PREFER IT. INDEED, WE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE, UNTIL YESTERDAY, THAT THIS WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE DECISION, AND WE WERE REJOICING, FURTHERMORE, AT THE POLITICAL MEANING THAT A NONPROTECTIONIST DECISION WOULD BRING.

3. I ASK EARNESTLY THAT YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THESE REMARKS OF MINE AND LET ME KNOW, AS SOON AS YOU CAN, ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MATTER.

4. WITH WARMEST GREETINGS FROM ANTONIO. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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